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1. AMBASSADOR BERGER, NOW ON CONSULTATION HERE, HAS JUST CALLED IN CONNECTION WITH 6 NOVEMBER CONVERSATION HE HAS HAD WITH SECRETARY ROGERS. HE BRIEFED ROGERS ON TOTAL SITUATION, APPARENTLY DWELLING AT SOME LENGTH ON CURRENT SIGNS OF EROSION IN VC MORALE AND EFFECTIVENESS. WHEN SECRETARY ASKED FOR SUPPORTING EVIDENCE, BERGER SAID BEST EVIDENCE WAS SPRINKLED THROUGH DOCUMENTS CAPTURED AND PRISONER OR CHIEU HOI INTERROGATIONS HELD OVER RECENT MONTHS. SECRETARY ROGERS ASKED ~~XX~~ IF EXTRACTS FROM MOST SIGNIFICANT OR TYPICAL DOCUMENTS COULD BE PULLED TOGETHER IN ONE PAPER FOR HIS USE IN PREPARING STATEMENT HE IS TO MAKE BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SOMETIME DURING WEEK OF 10 NOVEMBER. BERGER TOLD SECRETARY THAT [REDACTED] WOULD BE IN BEST POSITION TO MAKE THIS COMPILATION AND SECRETARY CHARGED

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BERGER TO PASS APPROPRIATE REQUEST TO [REDACTED] FROM HIM.

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2. WHEN [REDACTED] ASKED PRECISELY WHAT DOCUMENTS BERGER HAD HAD IN MIND IN TALKING WITH SECRETARY ROGERS, BERGER SAID HE COULD NOT GIVE SPECIFIC CITATIONS BUT WAS THINKING OF THE KINDS OF DOCUMENTS FROM WHICH [REDACTED] FREQUENTLY READ EXTRACTS AT MISSION COUNCIL MEETINGS. BERGER ADDED [REDACTED] WOULD CERTAINLY KNOW PRECISELY WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT. THEREFORE, REQUEST EITHER SPECIFIC CITATIONS TO DOCUMENTS OR REPORTS YOU HAVE QUOTED AT MISSION COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THIS CONTEXT OR VERBATIM SOURCED EXTRACTS IF SAID DOCUMENTS NOT ALREADY TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON. WE WILL NEED THIS MATERIAL BY OUR OPENING OF BUSINESS (OOB) ON MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER.

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